

HAIKU WRITING CONTEST

Dear Rideshare Week Coordinators:

WSRO has added an educational component to our Rideshare Week campaign. For the 2002 campaign, Rideshare Week is offering a Haiku Writing Contest for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. We hope the energetic students in your area will have fun competing for prizes as they try their hand at writing a Rideshare Haiku.

Instructions:

- Provide the Entry Form to ETCs to pass out to their employees.
- Provide the Entry Form directly to your local schools and ask them to offer the contest to their 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.

Judging:

- One entry per student.
- Judge all the entries from your county.
- Only judge those entries that meet the requirements of a haiku. A haiku uses three lines...the first line consists of five syllables...the second line has seven syllables and the third line has five syllables. The last word in each line does not need to rhyme with the other last words.

Example: Carpool tomorrow.
 Relax and enjoy the ride.
 We breathe easier.

- Choose the top three entries from each grade category and mail them with your Rideshare Week entry forms.
- Judging is purely subjective. Guidelines for judging include: haiku conveys understanding of ridesharing, creativity, and good-old-fashion "smile factor" (it touches your heart).

Statewide Prizes:

Judges will determine the top haiku entry in each grade. The winning haiku for each grade level will receive a **\$50 gift certificate** (to be announced). Also, student names and the winning haikus will be featured on the Rideshare Week website at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/partners/wsro/rideshare/>. Winners will be announced by November 29, 2002.



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